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SUBJECT: CSCE: PEACEFUL CHANGE--GERMAN TRANSLATION PROBLEM

REF: GENEVA 1835

1. ACCORDING TO FRG DELEGATION CSCE SECRETARIAT HAS TRANSLATED ORIGINAL ENGLISH TEXT INTO GERMAN IN MANNER THAT CHANGES ITS SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT AND IS THEREFORE UNACCEPTABLE TO BONN. THE CURRENT GERMAN TRANSLATION READS: QUOTE. DIE TEILNEHMERSTAATEN SIND DER AUFFASSUNG, DASS IHRE GRENZEN GEAENDERT WERDEN KOENNEN, IN UBEREINSTIMMUNG MIT DEM VOELKERRECHT, DURCH FRIEDLICHE MITTEL UND DURCH VEREINBARUNG. UNQUOTE.

2. FRG DELEGATION SAYS THAT PLACEMENT OF AUXILIARY VERBS (WERDEN KOENNEN) IN ABOVE TEXT IS SUCH THAT FRONTIER CHANGES WOULD BE CLEARLY SUBJECT TO THREE CONDITIONS: IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, BY PEACEFUL MEANS, AND BY AGREEMENT. MOREOVER, ENGLISH WORD "CHANGE" IS RENDERED AS "GEAENDERT" (MODIFY) RATHER THAN BY STRONGER GERMAN WORD "VERAENDERT" WHICH WAS USED IN GERMAN TRANSLATIONS OF APRIL 5 AND

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3. FRG DELEGATION BELIEVES THE SENSE OF THE ENGLISH ORIGINAL TEXT (AS WELL AS OF THE FRENCH AND RUSSIAN VERSIONS) WOULD BE ACCURATELY RENDERED BY FOLLOWING GERMAN TRANSLATION: QUOTE. DIE TEILNEHMERSTAATEN SIND DER AUFFASSUNG, DASS IHRE GRENZEN, IN UEBEREINSTIMMUNG MIT DEM VOELKERRECHT, DURCH FRIEDLICHE MITTEL UND DURCH VEREINBARUNG VERAENDERT WERDEN KOENNEN. UNQUOTE.

4. AT REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR BLECH, WE WILL COOPERATE WITH HIM IN ATTEMPTING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE MATTER QUIETLY WITH THE SECRETARIAT HERE AND WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.DALE

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